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RICHARD LEATHAM SWORN IN AS THE INTERIM COUNTY COUNCILLOR FROM WEST ELGIN

On April 11, 2023, Richard Leatham (pictured below) was officially sworn in as an Interim Elgin County Councillor from the Municipality of West Elgin.

The passing of Elgin County's Deputy Warden Duncan McPhail last month left a vacancy for not only a seat on Elgin County Council but for the position of Mayor at the Municipality of West Elgin.

At their last Council Meeting, the Municipality of West Elgin appointed Richard Leatham as their Interim Mayor. The Mayor of each Municipality is required to fill the the role of County Councillor for the County of Elgin for their respective Municipality.

Elgin's Chief Administrative Officer administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Leatham to become an Interm Elgin County Councillor at the April 11 Council Meeting.

Elgin County Councillor Grant Jones has accepted the position of Deputy Warden for 2023. This position is held by the most recent past Warden currently serving on County Council.



ENSURING QUALITY CARE: ELGIN COUNTY'S LONG-TERM CARE HOMES RENEW THEIR SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH ONTARIO HEALTH

The Corporation of the County of Elgin has a Multi-Homes Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) and a Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement (M-SAA) with Ontario Health for its three long-term care homes, which includes Bobier Villa, Elgin Manor and Terrace Lodge. The Director of Homes & Seniors Services presented these agreements to County Council for approval to execute the amended 2023-2024 agreements.

Both of these agreements include terms and conditions for care and services, reporting requirements (including sector-specific schedules), performance requirements, and an annual compliance declaration.

To view these agreements, please access the [April 11 County Council Agenda](#).



COLLABORATION FOR COMMUNITY: ELGIN & ST. THOMAS TO ENHANCE ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS FOR SHARED SERVICES

In the late 90s, the County of Elgin and the City of St. Thomas executed a Joint Services Agreement for the operations of Land Ambulance, Ontario Works, Childcare and Social Housing.

This agreement allows for the City of St. Thomas, through the St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services Department, to be the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) for St. Thomas and Elgin County, providing social services for residents of the City and County for Ontario Works, children's services, and housing and homelessness prevention services. In addition, Elgin County is the Designated Delivery Agent for the provision of Land Ambulance and Community Paramedicine Services to the City of St. Thomas.

Elgin's Chief Administrative Officer recommended strategies to County Council to support enhanced information sharing between the City and the County to ensure everyone's needs for information are met. The full report can be found in the [April 11 County Council Agenda](#).

SAVOURING SUCCESS: ELGIN COUNTY TOURISM UPDATES CULINARY PROGRAM WITH \$35K FEDDEV ONTARIO GRANT

In late January, Elgin County Tourism received \$35,000 from the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario) to update its Savour Elgin program.

Elgin's award-winning Savour Elgin program was initially launched in 2010 to promote Elgin County's restaurants, agri-tourism operations, farmers' markets, wineries, and breweries through a membership-based approach. The program's main goal was to strengthen the local food supply chain while building awareness of culinary tourism in Elgin County.

The Manager of Economic Development, Tourism & Enterprise presented Council with a refreshed magazine-style booklet that focuses on culinary tourism and agritourism experiences throughout Elgin County and St. Thomas.



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Experience the flavours
of Elgin & St. Thomas



2023

Drawing upon the program's original intent, this new Guide focuses on the experiences that make Elgin and St. Thomas' culinary attractions unique, at no cost to those featured. Experiences include Sweet Maple Syrup Stops, Reel-y Good Fish & Chips, Love Our Local Markets, Raise a Glass or Two, Pick Your Own Passions, and Far & Away Flavours.

Taste, Experience the Flavours of Elgin & St. Thomas is now available for the public to savour the flavours of Elgin County. Follow Elgin County Economic Development & Tourism on Facebook (@elgincounty) to get access to your digital copy, or visit www.elgintourist.com.

For the complete April 11, 2023, County Council Agenda Package, please visit the Elgin County [website](http://www.elgincounty.ca).